



U.S. Citizenship
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Services

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USCIS REMINDS APPLICANTS OF PHASE TWO OF DIRECT MAIL PROGRAM *Certain Applications Only Accepted at the Chicago Lockbox After April 1, 2005*

Washington, DC – U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) reminded its customers today, in compliance with a *Federal Register* notice published on November 19, 2004, that starting on April 1, 2005 they must mail the following applications directly to the Chicago lockbox instead of submitting them to their local District Office. These forms include:

- Form I-485 (Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status – Family-based Adjustments only);
- Form I-765 (Application for Employment Authorization);
- Form I-131 (Application for Travel Document).

With the exception of the new filing address, all immigration-filing procedures remain unchanged. In general, the lockbox is a post office box used by USCIS to accelerate the collection of receivables. In the case of the above listed forms, the lockbox accelerates this process of the applications by electronically capturing data and images from these forms and by performing fee receipting and fee depositing.

Beginning on April 1, aliens filing a family-based Form I-485, and/or a Form I-765 and/or a Form I-131, regardless of their state of residence, must mail those applications as well as all supporting documentation directly to one of the following address:

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
P.O. Box 805887
Chicago, IL 60680-4120 or

For non-U.S. Postal Service (USPS) deliveries (e.g. private couriers)
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Attn: FBASI
427 South LaSalle – 3rd Floor
Chicago, IL 60605-1098

USCIS notes that the above lockbox addresses are different from the USCIS Chicago offices located at West Jackson Boulevard in South Dearborn or at 539 South LaSalle Street.

Detailed instructions for filing Form I-485 (Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status – Family-based Adjustments only), Form I-765 (Application for Employment Authorization) and Form I-131 (Application for Travel Document) are available at the following locations on www.uscis.gov.

<http://uscis.gov/graphics/formsfee/forms/files/I-131.pdf>

<http://uscis.gov/graphics/formsfee/forms/files/I-485.pdf>

<http://uscis.gov/graphics/formsfee/forms/files/I-765.pdf>

The following Internet addresses link to the Direct Mail *Federal Register* notice.

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/06jun20041800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-25679.htm>

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USCIS accomplished this Direct Mail rollout in two phases. Last December during Phase One, residents of 36 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Island began using the Chicago lockbox for filing these applications. Phase Two of the rollout includes the states of Alaska, California, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, and Washington.

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On March 1, 2003, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services became one of three legacy INS components to join the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. USCIS is charged with fundamentally transforming and improving the delivery of immigration and citizenship services, while enhancing our nation's security.